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The following topics are subjects for a nine-month training course ~~for~~ NVA polit officers in the "Studies of Social Science". Part I is dealt with in classes and part II are topics for seminars.

I.

1. The tasks of the Party organization for complete fulfilment of the basic principles for the political and military work of the EGA in 1960 and of the directives of the Ministry for National Defense No 7/59.
2. The completion of the social build-up of the GDR - an historic conformity with natural law. The prospects in Germany.
3. Dialectic materialism the scientific philosophy of life. The basic question of philosophy and its meaning in the class-struggle of the working class.
4. Basic Laws of materialistic dialectism. Their meaning, in the struggle of the Party for the increase of the defense possibilities of the GDR.
5. Dialectic materialism on the discernibility of the world.
Empiricism - basis, target and touchstone of the cognition, the meaning of scientific cognition for the practical actions of all members of the armed forces.

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6. The November-1957 Communist Manifesto and Moscow declaration of the Communist workers' parties - The scientific fighting program of the revolutionary internal workers movement.
7. The meaning of the objective conformity with natural law in nature and society.
8. The material unity of the world. The Marxist-Leninist concept of matter and its meaning for the struggle against idealism, religion and revisionism.
9. Formation, nature and active role of the Social consciousness. The struggle of the Party for the development of the Socialist consciousness ^{by} ~~of~~ all members of the armed forces - main condition for the continuous combat readiness of the NVA!
10. The material production as basis of the social development and its basic lawfulness.
11. The revival of the German imperialism, its reactionary and aggressive policies, the confirmation of Lenin's theory on imperialism. The ^{prospects} ~~perspectiveness~~ of the German imperialism.
12. The first-rate exploitation of the West German working class. The effect of the economic basic law of capitalism. The refutation of the theories on people's capitalism and social partnership.
13. The lawful downfall of the working class and the destruction of the remaining strata of the West German population by the monopoly ^{used} capital - result of the capitalist accumulation.
14. The formation and development of the Socialist world system. The unity and comprehensiveness of the Socialist camp under the leadership of the Soviet Union, the principles in the relations between the Socialist countries.

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15. The struggle of the Socialist countries under the leadership of the Soviet Union for the maximal margin of time in the economic competition between Socialism and Capitalism. for the further change of the proportion of forces in the world and the creating^m of actual possibilities for the avoidance of war as a means for the solution of international problems.
16. The Marxist-Leninist doctrine on classes and class-struggle - weapon in the struggle for the victory of Socialism in the GDR and in the struggle against the West German militarism.
17. The meaning of the Warsaw Pact for the ~~solidification~~ further consolidation of the Socialist camp. The condensation of the military potentials, the members of the Warsaw Pact states for the guaranteeing of peace.
18. The NATO - an aggressive war pact of the imperialism - especially of the United States and Western Germany - a severe threat to world peace.
19. The cyclical development of the/^{West German} capitalist economy - confirmation of the Marxist-Leninist theory on crises.
20. The collapse of the imperialist colonial system. The national liberation movement of the Afro-Asiatic peoples against the imperialist colonial policies. The role of the anti-imperialist national states.
21. The Bonn Bundeswehr - an anti-national, anti-people revenge army of the German imperialism and militarism. - The main striking force of the NATO in Europe.
22. The ideological preparation of the West German population and the soldiers of the Bonn Bundeswehr for the realization of the aggressive targets of the NATO!

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23. The militaristic-clerical West German authoritarian state - its progressive development to open dictatorship. The Marxism-Leninism on the nature of the exploitation state.
24. The struggle of the German working class for the establishment of an action unit - against the militaristic and revenge forces in West Germany. The ominous policies of the rightist SPD and the trade union leadership. The present military policies of the SPD.
25. Reasons for the military policies of the working class by Marx and Engels.
The cristallization and development of the Marxist mass party of the German working class. The victory of Marxism in the German workers movement of 1852-1900.
26. The politic clericalism in the anti-peace policies of the German imperialism and militarism.
27. The German militarism - main threat for the peace in Europe - sworn enemy of the German people. The aggressive plans of the German militarism and their ^{prospects} ~~perspectiveness~~.
28. The struggle of the Bolsheviki under Lenin against the opportunism of the 2nd International for the creation of a new-type party. The 2nd SDAPR Party Meeting, a turning point in the international workers movement.
29. The formation of the first independent German workers party. The struggle of Marx and Engels and the Communist Federation in the 48/49 Revolution (1830-52).
30. The Party of the Bolsheviki during the period of the foreign military intervention and the civil war. Lenin - leader of the defense of the Soviet state and head of the military operations of the Red Army.

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31. The strategy and tactic of the Bolsheviki during the great Socialist October Revolution. The world-historic meaning of the victory.
32. The strategy and tactic of the Bolshevik Party in the Russian civil-democratic revolution between 1905 and 1907. Lenin's "Two Tactics of the Social Democracy in the Democratic Revolution" and its meaning for the struggle of the international workers movement in the imperialist epoch.
33. The 1918-November Revolution in Germany. The historic meaning of the founding of the KPD.
34. The struggle of the KPD for the establishment of a unity front of the working class and for a broad anti-Fashist action against the threatening Fashist danger between 1919 and 1933.
35. The struggle of the German working class and the Leftists against militarism and imperialistic war between 1900 and 1918. The lawfulness of its defeat during WW I.
36. The struggle for the victory of Marxism-Leninism in the KPD and against the revival of imperialism and militarism during the relative stabilization of ~~the~~ capitalism.
37. Lenin's plan for the upbuilding of Socialism in the Soviet Union. The struggle of the masses under the leadership of the KPDSU for the realization of this plan. The orthodox lawfulness of the upbuilding of Socialism.
38. The mass struggles of the German proletarians in the revolutionary post-war crisis. The meaning of Lenin's ^{work} ~~opus~~ "The Leftist Radicalism - The Initial Faults in Communism", 1919 to 1923.
39. The military policies of the KPD during the Weimar Republic.

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40. The world-historic victory of the Soviet Union and the peoples allied with her in the anti-Hitler coalition over the Hitler-Fashism in WW II. The lawfulness of the victory of the Soviet people under the leadership of the KPDSU in the Great National War.
41. The KPDSU in the struggle for consolidation and development of the Socialist society. The strengthening of the defense power of the Soviet Union between 1937 and 1941. The consequent peace policies of the Soviet Union and her struggle for the establishment of a system of collective security for the prevention of WW II.
42. Fashism as means of controlling the most reactionary and aggressive circles of the financial capital. The struggle of the KPD for the consolidation ~~at~~ of all anti-Fashist Democratic forces against the Fashist dictatorship and the Fashist predatory war. The meaning of the Brussels and Bern conference of the KPD.
43. The struggle of the united working class under the leadership of the SED for the carrying out of the anti-Fashist revolution in East Germany.
44. The struggle of the Chinese KP for the establishment and the victory of ~~the~~ Socialism. The victory of the Socialist revolution in China - the most important event on the world scale after the victory of the October Revolution.
45. The meaning of the 21st KPDSU Party Day for the comprehensive establishment of Communism in the Soviet ^Union. The historic meaning for the security of peace and the victory of ~~the~~ Socialism throughout the world.
46. The lawfulness of the defeat of the German imperialism and militarism in WW.II.

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47. The founding of the SED - the greatest achievement in the history of the German workers movement - a victory of Marxism-Leninism and a turning point in the history of our people.
48. The 20th KPDSU Party Day - his historic meaning for the struggle of the revolutionary international workers movement; for the victory of peace.
49. The 5th SED Party Day - the beginning of the fully expanded spreading of Socialism in the GDR. The struggle for the fulfilment of the economic main task and the Seven-Year Plan.
50. Seven-Year Plan of the GDR, plan for peace, prosperity and happiness of our people - plan of the victory of Socialism.
51. Target of the Seven-Year Plan - expression of the Party and Government policies for an intensified infiltration of the ^{main} demands of the/economic law of Socialism in the GDR.
52. The basic principles of the Socialist reformation of the private capitalist sector of the political economics, the handicraft and the private retail trade.
53. The founding and development of the workers' and farmers' power in the GDR as a form of dictatorship of the proletariat. The productive employment of the orthodox doctrines on the proletarian revolution of the Socialist upbuilding ~~■~~ by the SED and the conditions in Germany.
54. The national question in Germany after 1945. Achievement of a peace treaty and confederation - the only actual way for the establishment of a peaceful and Democratic Germany.
55. The main task ^{for} ~~■~~ the Socialist development of agriculture. The resolutions of the 6th LPG Conference and the law on the Seven-Year Plan on the further ^{prospects} ~~perspectives~~ of the development.

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56. Development of the political economy in the GDR until 1965 - a prove of the consequent utilization of the objective economic law of proportional development according to plan. The superiority of our Socialist planned economy over the anarchic West German economy.
57. The Socialist state power - main instrument of the working people during the Socialist reformation. The NVA - tool of the workers' and farmers' power for military protection of the Socialist victory.
58. The meaning of the Socialist reconstruction for the maximal increase of working productivity for the fulfilment of the economic main target and the Seven-Year Plan.
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59. The tasks of the Party organization ~~for~~/the upbringing to conscious military discipline and ~~form~~ in connection with the instillation of high moral fighting qualities in the NVA.
60. The Democratic centralism, the leading organizational principle of the Marxist-Leninist Party, its meaning for the security of the unity and comprehensiveness of the Party. The struggle of the Party organizations for the coping with the resolutions.
61. The individual commands in the NVA, ~~the~~ the unity of political and military leadership, its ^{being} guaranty by collective conferences of all important political and military measures by the commanders with the Polit organs and Party organizations.
62. The Socialist competition - main method for the increase of combat readiness of the NVA. The tasks of the Party organization in carrying out the demands of the directives of May 1959. The meaning of the collective, reciprocal interaction in groups, crews and personnel, according to the military structure for the development of the NVA to a strong combat unit.

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63. The requirements of modern warfare, its initial period and its tasks which originate therefrom for the military training in the NVA.
64. The basic principles of cadre work and its realization in the NVA.
65. The development of the brigades of Socialist work and the Socialist workers communities - an objective, necessary and lawful appearance in the combat for the completion of the Socialist upbuilding of the GDR.
66. The role and the importance of the Party status and of the instructions for the work of the NVA Party organization for the political-ideological training of members and candidates for the maintenance of Leninist norms on Party life.
67. The lawfulness of the leading role of the SED in the NVA - the main source of the present and future successes.
68. The revolution in the ideological and cultural field - an orthodox lawfulness in the stage towards the full upbuilding of Socialism in the GDR.
69. The basic principles of the Socialist cultural policies. The 1st Cultural Conference of the NVA on the cultural mass work in the NVA, its role and meaning for the increase of combat readiness in the elements and units.
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The realization/of the tasks of the 1st cultural conference.
70. The tasks of the trade unions in the struggle for the victory of Socialism in the GDR and the guaranty for peace. The role of the trade union organizations of the civilians in the NVA.
71. The role of the military factors of the victory in a modern warfare. The military ^{superiority} ~~supremacy~~ of the Socialist camp. (Quantity,

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quality of the armed forces, armament and war techniques, capabilities of the commanders).

72. Tasks of the Polit organs in modern warfare (the political work in the own units. The political work among the population of the own rear positions. Defense against enemy subversive activities.)
73. The party propaganda and the political mass work in the NVA!
74. The program of the young generation for the victory of Socialism - combat program of the youths. The tasks for a realization in the NVA.
75. Close connection with the working population ~~is~~ an indispensable precondition for the strengthening of the NVA.
76. The role of the FDJ as helper and combat reserve of the Party for the guaranteeing of independent combat readiness of the NVA. The tasks of the FDJ organization in the NVA.
77. The workers' and farmers' state as keeper and continuator of the great cultural tradition of our people. The meaning of the cultural heritage for the development of our Socialist national culture.
78. The supremacy of the Socialist social order. The economic power of the Socialist camp. The political-moral ^{superiority} ~~supremacy~~ of the Socialist states.
79. Development and classical height of our ~~xxx~~ German national literature. Introduction in the works by Lessing, Goethe and Schiller.
80. The supremacy of the Marxist-Leninist military science over the civilian. War-time art - main element of the Marxist-Leninist military science.

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81. Lenin's principle of partiality for art und literature - the main principle for literature and art ^{during} ~~in the epoch of~~ the transitional stage from capitalism to Socialism.
32. The destruction of cultur in West Germany as a result of the policies of the revived German imperialism and militarism.
83. The Socialist realism - the highest creative method ^{of} ~~for~~ art and literature.
84. The struggle of the working class against the revived German imperialism and militarism in West Germany und the remainders of the Fashist ideology in our narrative literature after 1945.
85. The tasks of our theaters in the education to Socialist consciousness.
Discussion of ~~a~~ a Socialist play.
86. The role of the Socialist music in the education ^{to} ~~for~~ Socialist consciousness.
As a supplement to this program, ^{to} cultural mass works, theaters, concerts, exhibitions and museums will be visited during this period, and poet reading, book reviews and movie reviews will be held.
87. The tasks of the Socialist movies in the development of the Socialist consciousness. The work of the Party with the means of the motion picture ^{industry} ~~industry~~
88. The role of art and literature in the eduction to Socialist consciousness.
89. The role ~~xx~~ of the pictorial and applied art in the education to Socialist consciousness. The task of the Party in the work with means of the pictorial art.
90. The development of the Socialist literatrue in Germany. The struggle

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II.

1. The theory of the contradictions - the seed of the materialistic dialectic.
2. The meaning of the dialectic materialism for the scientific policies of ~~the~~ the Party and the development of the Marxist and Leninist military sciences.
3. The system of the capitalist exploitation in West Germany. - Contradiction of the opportunistic theory of ~~the~~ class harmony.
4. The struggle of the Socialist countries for the maximal ^{margin} ~~gaining~~ of time and its meaning for the guaranteeing of world peace. The responsibility of the GDR as part of the Socialist camp.
5. The Moscow declaration of the Communist and workers' parties of November 1957, the scientific combat program of the revolutionary and international workers movement for the victory of Communism.
6. The economic and political nature of the German imperialism and its ^{prospects} ~~perspectives~~.
7. The Bundeswehr - main instrument of the German imperialism and militarism for the realization of ~~her~~ its aggressive plans.
8. ~~Examination~~ Lenin's fights against the opportunism of the 2nd International for the formation of a new-type Party. The meaning of the 2nd SDAPR Party Day for the revolutionary development in Russia and for the revolutionization of the international workers' movement.
9. The meaning of ^{Lenin's} ~~the~~ April theses for the struggle of the Bolshevik Party for ~~the~~ preparation and carrying out of the October Revolution. The October Revolution - the beginning and the basis for the proletarian world revolution.

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11. The forming of the first independent Marxist mass party in Germany and the victory of Marxism in the German worker's movement.
12. The doctrines of the 1918-November Revolution in Germany for the struggle for the upbuilding ~~■~~ in the GDR. The meaning of the founding of the KPD.
13. The development of the KPD under the leadership of Thaelmann to a revolutionary Marxist-Leninist mass party.
14. The theory of the struggle of the KPD for the unity and people's front against Fashism and war, for the controlling of German militarism.
15. The struggle of the Chinese KP for the victory of Socialism. The international meaning of the upbuilding and the victory of Socialism.
16. The applying of the orthodox lawfulness of the Socialist revolution and the Socialist upbuilding ^{under} ~~on~~ the complicated conditions in Germany (by the SED).
17. The 21st KPDSU Party Day on the basic problems of KPDSU ~~ppx~~ policies in the period of the comprehensive upb~~ix~~ uilding of Communism.
18. The political work of the Party organization and Polit organs ^{during} ~~in the struggle~~ combat under modern wartime conditions, especially its initial period.
19. The role and tasks of the Socialist state power in the GDR for the victory of Socialism. - Realization of the Marxist-Leninist doctrine on the dictatorship of the proletariat.
20. The dialectic connection between the leading role of the Party and the principle of the individual ~~concern~~ ^{concern} in the NVA.

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21. Struggle for peace - main point of the present German question.
The economic policies of Party and Government for the ~~fulfillment~~ ^{completion}
of the Socialist upbuilding in the GDR.

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